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Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Dear Stan:

Merry Christmas. I wish you the best for the holiday season. A special Christmas card is enclosed; a small book of poetry. I hope you enjoy it.

I was sorry to hear [] resigned from the newly formed National Tasking Center. In the past, he did a number of outstanding jobs; and I hoped he would be able to help in your reorganization of the community activities. I gather the frustrations of waiting as your new organization came into being were just too much for him to bear. Considering the operational nature of his preceeding job activities, it was a particularly difficult adjustment. Planning in a large bureaucracy is a tedious, tiresome business. The individual payoff is learning to deal with governmental abstractions and fantasy--where I guess the only reward is in some "Bureaucratic Heaven."

Because [] was my principal contact and the one to whom I directed my personal services in support of the Intelligence Community Staff, I am doubly sorry for his resignation. I want to help in your endeavors, and I believe strongly there are many ways I could be of assistance. The items of most interest to me at this point in time deal with advanced techniques for exploiting and countering a potential enemy's command and control. I would be pleased to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,